

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**RE: PETITION OF BAY STATE GAS COMPANY  
FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED TARIFFS**

**DTE 05-27**

**LOCAL 273 NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION TO PRESERVE STATUS QUO**

On June 13, 2005, Local 273 of the Utility Workers Union of America ("Local 273") filed a "Motion to Preserve Status Quo and Preserve Department's Jurisdiction Pending Final Decision." Approximately one month ago, Local 273 noted on the record and during the evidentiary hearings in this case that it was withdrawing the Motion, based upon an agreement reached with Bay State Company ("Bay State").

This Notice is intended to place formal, written notice on the record of its withdrawal of the Motion. As the attached letter from Steven H. Bryant, President of Bay State reflects, Local 273 and Bay State reached an agreement that:

Bay State . . . will not move forward with any plans to outsource the jobs of current Bay State employees, or eliminate any positions or reduce the current staffing levels in connection with the pending outsourcing plans (except as provided in the next paragraph) at least until the issuance of a final decision in D.T.E. 05-27 or December 1, 2005, whichever is later.

In exchange, Local 273 agreed to withdraw its pending motion, and now does so in writing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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